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Jacob Harper

Local student self-publishes first novel

JENNIFER NUCKOLLS

While most seniors in high school are stressing about college or worrying over prom dates, Jacob Harper has something to celebrate. At the young age of 19, Harper can now call himself a self-published author.

Harper's book, *Genesis Origins*, took him roughly a year and a half to complete. Harper described his work saying, "Genesis Origins is a sci-fi fantasy novel about the rise of a mysterious being whose journey is an attempt to remember who he was prior to awakening in a strange yet fantastical world of Dystopia. His personal search takes him to threatening lands, introduces him to lovable characters, and pits him against evil powers and constant obstacles."

Harper's literary inspirations for writing such a novel were Brian Jacques and Christopher Paolini. Their writings set Harper on a path to his own creativity along with many other childhood interests. He described the visual perspective of his story to be much similar to the television show *Dragon Ball Z*. Other than professional inspirations, Harper

There is a universe inside me that can be as confusing as the one in which we all live.

Jacob Harper

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Local Weather

Wed 11/20 61/45

Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 40s.

Thu 11/21 58/50

Chance of showers. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 50s.

Fri 11/22 56/38

Rain. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 30s.

Sat 11/23 46/26

Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the mid 20s.

Sun 11/24 41/24

Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the mid 20s.

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Kynect reps appear before Fiscal Court

DANIEL RICHARDSON

Jackie Eubanks of West Kentucky Allied Services came before the Hickman County Fiscal Court Monday to speak about Kynect, Kentucky's version of the healthcare marketplace through the Affordable

Care Act (ACA). She introduced Gregg Knight, who just came on board to serve as the Kynector, or in person assistant, for Hickman and Fulton Counties.

Knight will be replacing Rana Sullivan, who has been assisting Hickman Countians on Thursdays

at the Health Department since the beginning of October. Sullivan successfully enrolled 18 Hickman County residents in Kynect.

Knight plans to spend Mondays and Wednesdays in Hickman County at the Health Department and another undecided location, possibly the

Senior Citizens Center.

Eubanks reported the West Kentucky Allied Services is the Kynect administrator for the Purchase Area (Fulton, Hickman, Carlisle, Ballard, McCracken, Graves, Calloway, and Marshall Counties) and that they have processed 295

Great Pretenders brings scores of entertainment



HARPER VALLEY PTA - Members of the Relay for Life Committee got on stage Saturday night to perform their own rendition of "Harper Valley PTA." Shown seated from left are Hilary Perkins, Brittany Kimbell, Tonia Batts, Darrell Sims, Teresa McFadden, and Shae Locke. Performing as Jeannie C. Riley was Annette Smith. This performance kicked off the night with the audience rolling with laughter.



Melissa Jackson sings Kelly Clarkson's "Don't You Wanna Stay," a duet with Adam Fulton singing as Jason Aldean.



Teresa McFadden and Shae Lock perform as Dolly Parton and Porter Wagoner.

Spirits were high as the Hickman County Relay for Life committee kicked off the fund-raising season with its annual Great Pretenders performance at the Hickman County Elementary

School gym. A chili supper before the event provided a delicious meal for those who chose dine before the performance, and the

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Deer, alcohol cause weekend accident on Highway 58 East

The Kentucky State Police is investigating a single vehicle collision that occurred on Saturday, November 16 at 9:04 P.M.

The collision occurred on KY 58 East between KY 994 South and House Road. Upon initial investigation, it was determined that Alegura D. Courtney, 57, of Clinton, KY was operating a 2006 Chrysler Pacifica westbound on KY 58 East. According to Ms. Courtney's statement, she steered her vehicle off the shoulder to avoid deer in the roadway. After running off the roadway, Ms. Courtney steered her vehicle, back onto the road but was

unable to gain full control and ran off the westbound shoulder once again. Ms. Courtney's vehicle then struck a culvert and traveled into a wooded area, where it came to final rest against a tree. Ms. Courtney was cited into court due to injuries sustained in the collision and was charged with driving under the influence 1st offense. The Kentucky State Police was assisted on scene by Hickman County Fire and Rescue and the Hickman County Ambulance Service. The investigation continues by Senior Trooper Alison Ramsey.

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RECYCLE!

This Saturday at the Hickman County Road Department building.



HOUSE FIRE - The home of David and Michelle Romer0 on Hwy 58 W. toward Columbus burned late Saturday night.

Photo submitted by Brittany Byassee

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LOCAL NEWS



GATEWOOD SISTERS

Last Wednesday, the Hickman County Museum hosted a gathering and proudly displayed the Gatewood Chairs Exhibit. The chairs and other furniture were built by Archie and Martha Gatewood in Fulgham to sustain the family during the Great Depression.Four of the Gatewoods’ daughters were in attendance at the gathering, and are pictured at right. Shown are Virginia Cox, Phyllis Jennings, Camilla June Rowe, and Martha Marie Bugg. Some of the next generation are shown in the above photo, including Patrick Rowe, Anita Bugg, and Synthia Davis.



District Court

Not an official court docket

The following were heard before the Hon. Hunter B. Whitesell II during Hickman County District Court on 11/18/13. This is not an official docket.

Jack Gilbert. Other Hearing. Found in contempt. Guilty. 30 days or purge on balance of \$73. Report 11/25/13 to HCDC.

Joseph L. Vinson. Op MV Under/Influence of Alcohol/ Drugs, etc. .08 1st off. Pledaded guilty. \$200 fine. License suspended 90 days. 30 days, conditionally discharged two years. Failure to Produce Ins. Card. Dismissed on proof. Possess Open Alcohol Beverage Container in a Motor Vehicle. Pledaded guilty. \$35 fine. Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon. Dismissed.

Marcus D. McClam. Burglary, 2nd Degree. Receiving Stolen Property U/\$500. Pledaded not guilty. Waived preliminary hearing. Bound to Grand Jury.

Xzavier M. Alley. Rear License Not Illuminated. Informally divert 6 mos. License to be in Possession Dismiss on proof. Failure of Non-Owner Operator to Maintain Req. Insurance, 1st. Dismiss on proof.

Chauncy Terrell Burdette. Improper Start from Parked Position. Pledaded guilty. \$25 fine. Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance/ Security, 1st. Dismiss on proof.

Holly Byassee. Theft By Deception-Include Cold Checks. U/\$500. Pledaded guilty. 30 days, conditionally discharged two years. To pay restitution in full to Jewell Food Mart. This is not the same person as Holly Byassee Burgess.

Quinton Thomas Byassee. No/Expired Registration Plates. Pledaded guilty. \$25 fine,

suspended. Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance/ Security 1st. Pledaded guilty. \$100 fine, suspended.

Howard Cartney. Speeding 10 Mph. Over Limit. Diversion entered. Failure of Owner to Maintain Req. Insurance/ Security 1st. Dismissed on proof.

Kevin Dewayne Dodson. Failure to Produce Insurance Card. Proof shown. Dismissed. Operating on Suspended/ Revoked Operators License. Pledaded guilty. 30 days conditionally discharged two years. \$100 fine. Rear License Not Illuminated. Proof shown. Dismissed.

Matthew Driver. Operating on Suspended /Revoked Operators License. Pledaded not guilty. Pretrial conference set for 2/3/14. Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance/ Security 1st. Pledaded not guilty. Proof shown. No/Expired Registration Plates. Pledaded not guilty. Proof shown. Rear License Not Illuminated. Informally divert six months.

Candice Hart. No/Expired Other State Registration Receipt or Plates. Divert 6 mo. License to be in Possession. Dismiss on proof.

Doyle Darnell Henry Jr. Speeding 20 Mph .Over Limit. 6 mo. diversion entered. No/Expired Registration Plates. Pledaded guilty. \$25 fine suspended. No/Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt. Dismiss.

Gary D. Henson. Speed 26 Mph. Or Over (Limited Access). Cont. to 11/25/13 per County Atty. Morris.

Marcus D. McClam. Criminal Trespassing- 3rd Degree. Resisting Arrest. Pledaded not guilty. Pretrial conference set for 11/25/13.

Karen E. Mize. Speed 10 Mph. Over (Limited access)

FTA.

Mary Polk. Operating on Suspended/Revoked Operators License. Pledaded not guilty. Pretrial conference set for 1/13/14. Failure of Own-Owner Operator to Maintain Req. Insurance, 1st. Pledaded not guilty. Proof shown.

Tina Marie Quillen. Speed 25 Mph. Over Limit. 6 mo. diversion entered.

Ashley M. Wesley. Reckless Driving. Pledaded not guilty. Pretrial Conference set for 12/2/13.

Victoria A. Wiggins. Speed 18 Mph. Over (Limited Access). Six mo. diversion entered. Failure of Owner to Maintain Req. Insurance/ Security 1st. Dismiss on proof.

Michael M. Basch. Review. Issue Show Cause 12/2/13.

Joshua Lee Courtney. Motion Hour. Cont. to 11/25/13.

Jeffrey Creason. Motion Hour. Revoke Bond.

Marcus D. McClam. Motion Hour. Cont. to 11/25/13.

Jessica Shea Thorpe. Other Hearing. Bond to apply.

Gregory L. Buckman. Diversion Completion. Dismiss.

Melissa Ann Chaney. Diversion Completion. Dismiss.

Jonathan P. Gipson. Diversion Completion. Dismiss.

Christina Helper. Diversion Completion. Dismiss.

Sarah A. Ingram. Diversion Completion. Dismiss.

Joshua S. Dameron. Show Cause Hearing. Cause shown. Cont. to 12/9/13 for further proof.

Ryan D. Thomas. Show Cause Hearing. Cause shown.

Timothy D. Crisp. Review. Show cause for 12/2/13.

Amanda Karol McKnight. Improper Start From Parked Position. Dismiss.

Brittany Myatt. Review. Show cause 12/2/13.

Tina Quillen. Review. Report to FCDC 12/9/13, serve 10 days, or purge on payment of \$283.50.

Lisa M. Rubert. Diversion Completion. Dismiss on compliance.

Elisha D. Fisher. Pretrial Conference. Cont. to 12/16/13.

Gregory W. Holder. Pretrial Conference. Alcohol Intoxication in a Public Place- 1st and 2nd. Pretrial Conference cotinued to 12/2/13. Resisting Arrest. Cont. pretrial conference to 12/2/13.

Jeffrey Creason. Preliminary Hearing. Waive Preliminary Hearing. Bound to Grand Jury.

Anthony D. Johnson. Probable cause found. Bound to Grand Jury. This is not the same person as Rev. Anthony Johnson.

Tawnya Johnson. Preliminary Hearing. Probable cause found. Bound to Grand Jury 11/21/13.

Anderson, Mathis to wed

The final wedding plans for Kayla Delice Anderson and Justin Duane Mathis, both of Hickman, are being announced today.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anderson. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nerren and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Anderson, all of Hickman. The groom-elect is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Mathis of Hickman. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mathis of Water Valley, Mrs. Madeline Carey, the late James Carey of Union City, Tenn., and the late Jerry Wayne and Fay Morrow of Hickman.

Brianne Williams, friend of the bride-elect, of Hickman,

will serve as matron of honor. Bridesmaids will be Courtney Poynor, cousin of the bride-elect, of Symsonia; Kelsey Crockett and Sarah Beth Bennett, cousins of the bride-elect of Fulton; and Kaitlyn Anderson, cousin of the bride-elect of Hernando, Miss. The flower girls will be Hannah Murphy and Raimee Williams, friends of the bride and groom-elect, both of Hickman.

The groom-elect’s father will serve as best man. Groomsman will be Wade Adams, Randy Adams, and Derrick McClure, cousins of the groom-elect, all of Hickman; and Garrett Dunn, nephew of the groom-elect of Union City, Tenn. The ring bearers will be Hayden Murphy,

friend of the bride and groom-elect of Hickman and Brayden Anderson, cousin of the bride-elect of Hernando. Ushers will be Bob Nerren, cousin of the bride-elect; Anthony Williams, friend of the bride and groom-elect, both of Hickman; Zach Sweatt, cousin of the groom-elect, of Union City, and Nathan Sweatt, cousin of the groom-elect, of Martin, Tenn.

Bro. Henry Callison of Hickman will officiate the double-ring ceremony at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, at First Baptist Church in Hickman. Music will begin at 6:30 p.m.

A reception will follow at the Hickman Country Club. All friends and family are invited to attend.

Great Pretenders

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music got going shortly after 6:30 with the singing of The National Anthem by Adam Fulton.

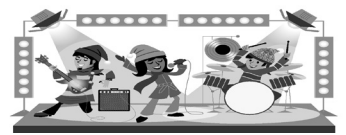
Music greats from Dolly Parton to Barry Manilow showed up to entertain guests, as well as the local entertainment group “The Jammers,” featuring Charles and Denise Berryhill, Robert Armbruster, and Sonny Brazzell. While some of the performers utilized their acting and lip syncing skills, local talent was on display with several musicians singing karaoke to classic hits.

“I would like to thank all the participants, the Relay for Life Committee, and the people who came out to support us,” Relay for Life Committee chairperson Suzette Rives said after the event. She extended a special “thank you” to the Hickman County Board of Education for the use of the facility, Devin Pittman for volunteering to work the sound system, and Jason Batts for serving as Master of Ceremonies.



PERFORMERS - Melissa Jackson and Adam Fulton (above) wowed the audience Saturday night with their performance of Kelly Clarkson and Jason Aldean’s “Don’t You Wanna Stay.”

At right: Rhea Mathis, right, sings The Lumineers’ “Ho Hey” with the encouragement of her mother Dara Miller.



Fiscal Court

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applicants, 187 of which are eligible for Medicaid and 54 of which enrolled in qualified health care plans. She said that an estimated 640,000 Kentucky residents are without health insurance.

Those interested in enrollment assistance are encouraged to call Knight at (270) 314-0735 to make an appointment.

During the remainder of the meeting, the fiscal court voted unanimously to approve

the first reading of Ordinance 2013-4, which will once again cap an individual’s or business’s Payroll/Net Profit tax at \$750, if passed at the second reading.

The board approved Resolution 2013-6, which gave Hickman County Judge Executive Greg Pruitt authority to pursue state funding for two bridge projects in the county. The state will pay 80 percent of the cost, with the fiscal court paying the remaining 20

percent.

Pruitt explained that in his 25 years as county judge executive this is the first time the county has had to contribute funds to bridge projects. The state has previously paid all of the costs associated with these projects, with no cost to the county.

The meeting adjourned shortly after 7 p.m. The next meeting of the fiscal court is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 9.

Novel

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credits his brother Jonah Harper and good friend Donna Jordan for sharing similar interests and both being very encouraging in his work.

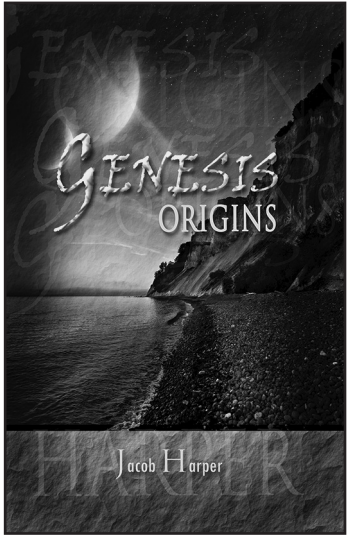
With the help of Jacob’s parents and family he successfully managed to get the book published himself without seeking professional guidance. His mother, Christina Harper, helped design the cover of the book while his father Brian Harper researched for the ISBN information and copyright. It was published through a website that his aunt had used years prior for her own literary work.

Now that the book is completed, the marketing process comes into play. As of today, a copy of the book can be purchased from him personally at the high school, in the Harper’s Country Hams Sales Room located outside of Clinton, or at the 9th Annual Arts and Crafts Fair on December 7. This will be Harper’s first year at the Arts fair, which is to be held at the Hickman County Elementary School. He looks forward to talking to people about the book.

The high school has also requested that Jacob set up a book signing and selling table in between two of the home ballgames on December 6th. He responded, “I am honored they asked.” He will be giving the school library two copies of the book to keep. Harper and his parents are also in the process of listing the book on Amazon.com and with other marketing services that the printing company provides. It

has been a slower process than he would like since he is still a full-time student but he has high hopes for his success!

Harper’s next step is completing entry number two to his book series sometime in 2014. His goal is to have possibly ten entries into the Genesis series over the next few years. He told sources that he has the stories and characters in his mind from the beginning to end already!



ROTARY PROGRAM - Rick Perry, middle, of Air Evac Life Team, visited Clinton Rotary last Wednesday and spoke about his organization and the service they offer. He is pictured with Clinton Rotary Program Chairperson Mary Jo Duke, left, and Clinton Rotary President Allen Poole.

SOUTH FULTON BAPTIST CHURCH

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South Fulton, TN 38257

DROP OFF:
1500 Broadway
South Fulton, TN 38257

Deadline for registration DECEMBER 3

Form and registration fee may be dropped off at the church office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday. You may also register/pay at one of the evaluation dates below.

The registration cost per child for **BASKETBALL** is **\$47**
The registration cost per child for **CHEERLEADING** is **\$47**

EVALUATIONS AND ORIENTATIONS:
Everyone **MUST** attend one basketball evaluation or cheerleading orientation. They will take place at the South Fulton Baptist Church Forestdale Gym, 509 Forestdale Avenue, South Fulton, TN 38257 as follows:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade Boys/Girls 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.		SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 3rd & 4th Grade Boys/Girls 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 5th & 6th Grade Boys/Girls 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.		TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 Kindergarten - 6th Grade Boys/Girls 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

For more information: South Fulton Baptist Church 731-479-2331

LOCAL NEWS/OPINION



The Way I See It
by Daniel Richardson

A Family Affair

As I prepared Saturday to attend the Hickman County Relay for Life Great Pretenders, the thought crossed my mind that this would be a good event for my wife, Lena, and 15 month-old daughter, Emmalyn to attend with me. I brought up the idea to Lena when I came in from blowing leaves. She was preparing a pot of chili for the chili supper before the event and reluctantly agreed to attend. What an eventful night we were in for.

We knew it was going to be a lively evening when we put Emmalyn down for her nap shortly after lunch. Emmalyn had other plans. After 30 minutes of the screaming and shouting and jumping up and down in her crib, we reluctantly pulled her out of bed to continue playing with her toys. No nap.

Fast forward a few hours and it was almost time to get ready to go. Our chili was due at the Elementary School at 5 p.m. and we decided to leave early and drive around, maybe someone could squeeze a nap in. After driving around Hickman County for almost an hour, we found out that the was just too much for the

child to take her eyes off of, and no nap would be taken. We arrived at the school promptly at 5 and I proudly marched our chili to the cafeteria and set in on the table with the other 16 crockpots full of everyone else's secret recipes. Another task successfully accomplished. It was 5 and the show didn't start until 6:30. Now what?

We decided to take another drive and maybe Emmalyn would give the nap thing another look. Wrong again. Arriving back at the school at 5:35, we decided to have some chili and make the most of the evening. We were at least three hours away from the conclusion of the event and still without a nap.

I realize that every child is different, some sleep easy, some do not. I witnessed (with some envy) our county judge with a not-yet 14 month-old baby snoozing in his arms on the front row of the Red and White Game Friday night. That sort of thing does not happen with our little girl. She will sleep in only two places: the crib and the car seat. Some children get more tired as the time wears on, ours only gets wilder.

After chili we went to the gymnasium and picked a nice

seat in the back with plenty of open floor to crawl on (she is fortunately past the stage of picking up anything and everything off the floor and putting it in her mouth). And crawl she did. Several times I attempted to coerce her to walk instead of crawl. She would toddle a few steps just to show that she knew what I was trying to get her to do and that she knew how, then on her hand and knees she would go.

When 6:30 finally came around and the music began to play, she would dance in the floor and cheerfully applaud after each performance. By the end of the first half of the show, I looked over my camera to my weary wife at the back of the gym, and knew it was time to go. We were slightly disappointed that we missed the second half of the show, but glad that we were able to somewhat enjoy the first half as a family.

Sometimes it's not easy to get together as a family and enjoy the out-of-the-house aspects of life, but we have to keep trying and keep trudging through those troubling times to experience that life, even a rural one, should be enjoyed together.

Community blood drive is Monday

You're anticipating the community blood drive on Monday, November 25, and you haven't gotten your flu shot yet.

Should you wait another week to get your shot?

The timing of your flu shot won't affect your ability to donate blood, according to a staff member at the Red Cross blood center in Paducah, unless you have fever or are showing other symptoms of the flu. Delaying blood donation

anytime you aren't feeling well or are running fever is for your own protection; you won't transfer flu through your blood donation.

And come next Monday, you're feeling well, you've remembered to cut down your tea consumption and bolster your intake of iron-rich foods, and you're psyched about helping at three people in about an hour's time – now you're ready to join the ranks of Hickman County's willing and

able blood donors.

Come between noon and 6 o'clock on Monday, November 25, to the Young Center – and get an early start on the season of Thanksgiving by making your best gift, the gift of life.

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My View

By Dennis Richardson

Bring on Thanksgiving

It is hard for me to get my arms around the fact that the next newspaper week will be Thanksgiving.

Isn't Thanksgiving the start of the Christmas shopping season? And right after Christmas comes New Years? And in the middle of it all and beyond lie all the college bowl games and the NFL playoffs?

Not that fans in our readership have much to look forward to in the bowls with both the Vols and the Titans likely out of it all? Actually the Vols are not mathematically out, but if they win their next two games they may make one of the small bowls.

As Thanksgiving approaches, one thing I am thankful for is for all the rain God has sent our way. He can send much more water in a few minutes than our sprinklers can spray out over days. And it's free and healthier.

It seems like it has been raining all over the world. When we visited Liberia in late March

and early April, in the midst of the dry season, it rained one night and really cooled the hot 90s temperature down to a bearable 80-something.

Then we visited Mathew in Europe in May where it rained almost every day in each country we visited.

Back home it has been one of the rainiest summers and falls in memory.

Back to Thanksgiving. Here we are looking straight at Black Friday, the official beginning of the Christmas shopping season. Many stores are getting a head start and opening on Thanksgiving Day.

The days are long gone when the long Thanksgiving weekend brought a time to relax from work and visit families, a stress-free time, a time for hunters to hunt, to kick back and recharge our batteries...and, watch a few football games. Instead, I hear the revved up engines of shoppers who will be heading down the highways and the Main Streets to check out what

new stuff retail stores offer.

Again, I encourage shoppers to try and find everything at our hometown stores. Consider it a treasure hunt. Each store is uniquely different. Here at the newspaper we depend on them for advertising so that we may pay our bills and do a little shopping of our own. I encourage our readers to visit local stores first to see how many items on the shopping list can be found there.

And put the diets on hold. Those traditional Thanksgiving meals and all the other goodies available between now and Christmas are likely to add weight at a time when many people are trying to lose it. The typical reported weight gain during that time frame is seven to 10 pounds. Other studies show average weight gain during the winter to be one pound.

Thanksgiving Day. Bring it on. It has something for us all.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



To the Editor:

Imagine your child or grandchild coming home from school and telling you that (s)he had a new teacher at school, and the teacher began the class with a prayer. Oh, and the teacher was a Muslim and all the students got to kneel on mats and pray to Allah to protect them from the infidels who prayed to anyone except Allah. I suspect the school phones would light up rather quickly after such an event. I realize it will be difficult in a religiously homogeneous area such as Western Kentucky, but try to imagine a similar situation with the roles reversed, a non-Christian student required to sit through overtly Christian public prayers during class, at school assemblies, or at school events such as public programs or sporting events. If you are imaginative enough to connect these two scenarios, it might help you to understand why some organiza-

tions are concerned about public prayers at school events.

Of course this letter is in response to your recent editorial of 10-29-13 and the follow-up letter from Brett Lashlee. A full discussion of the issues addressed in the editorial and letter would require much more space than is available in a letter to the editor, but let us look at a few facts. The recent bans on school prayers refer to public prayers, especially those created and/or delivered by school faculty, staff, or board members. As employees of a government agency, they are agents of the government, and to offer a Christian prayer is an act of showing preference of one religion over others. No individual is being told he or she cannot utter a prayer. If you want to pray for the safety of participants in sporting events, or for an injured player, or for a safe trip home, or any other prayer, you have the right to offer such a prayer. However others should

not be forced to enter into your prayer time.

You state in your editorial that "the courts have interpreted the establishment clause to accomplish the separation of church and state."

Neither the courts nor the ACLU developed the idea of separation of church and state. This idea was first presented by Thomas Jefferson in a letter to the Danbury Baptist Association in 1802, in which he referred to the 1st Amendment as "a wall of separation between Church and State."

As I previously stated, it is not possible in one letter to the editor to discuss all the ideas and comments presented in your editorial and the follow-up letter concerning this important but complex issue. Perhaps we will have the opportunity to discuss the issues further at a future time.

Respectfully,
Henry Brazzell

Dear Editor,

The Mission House is taking application for the CSFP (Commodity Supplemental Food Program). The commodities are distributed to Hickman County Residents who are 60 years or older, meet guidelines, and are pre-registered.

Those interested should bring proof of income for every member of their household (copy of bank statement if they have direct deposit, copy of check, or copy of Social Security Award Letter, etc.), to see if they qualify. If approved they will be registered to pick up the food on pre-determined

dates. A calendar of distribution dates will be provided to them.

Applicants can come by the Mission House during business hours, Monday, Thursday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. or call 270-653-3271 if they have any questions.

Tina McAuliffe
The Mission House

Boonievville



Like the comics? Call 653-3381 and let us know. Don't like it? Also let us know. Boonievville comic strips are about people and events in a town called Boonievville, an area much like Clinton, and the

characters may not be too different from you!

The publication of Boonievville comic strips will only continue if we receive positive feedback from our readers.

CLINTON BANK

RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
P.M. RINGO JR.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Clinton Bank held on Tuesday, November 05, 2013, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, P.M. Ringo, Jr. joined the bank board in January 1978, serving as Chairman from March 1997 to March 2002, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Ringo continued his service to the bank until his passing in October of 2013, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Ringo served the bank honorably, faithfully, and with distinction, providing insight, perspective and wisdom in all circumstances, and;

THEREFORE, this board of directors expresses its deep sorrow at Mr. Ringo's passing and its appreciation for what he has meant to both our bank and community, and extends its deepest sympathies to his family and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Ringo's family and that a copy be published in the Hickman County Gazette and the Hickman County Times.

Robert Black
Robert Black, Chairman

Davis Dixon
Davis Dixon

Glen Reid
Glen Reid

Jerry Peery
Jerry Peery

Kenny Ward
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Community News

Area Obituaries

Billy Bratton

Billy Joe Bratton, of the Cayce community, died Saturday, November 16, 2013, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Union City, Tenn. He was a machinist for Joe Berryhill and employed in maintenance for Kraft Foods. He is survived by a son, Phillip Wade Bratton of Munster, Ind.; a daughter, Donna Rae Gorenstein of Orland Park, Ill.; and three sisters, Earlene Wade of Fulton, Ruby Gardner of Evansville, Ind. and Pam Scott of Fulton.

He is preceded in death by two sisters. His parents were William Marshall and Bessie Hinton Bratton.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 at Cayce Methodist Church Cemetery. Friends may call after 9 a.m. Tuesday at Hornbeak Funeral Chapel.



H.C.H.S. School Based Decision Making Council to meet November 19

The Hickman County High School - School Based Decision Making council will meet November 19 at 3:30 in the high school conference room. This is a change in date from November 26.

Hickman Co. Senior Citizens and Falcon Academy will host chili cook-off competition

The Hickman County Senior Citizens along with the Hickman County High School Falcon Academy will be hosting our 1st Annual Chili Cook-off Competition. The event will be held in the High School cafeteria on Monday December 9 at 5 p.m. before the Varsity Boys game. There will be teams set up with their chili for everyone to sample. Donation jars will be at

New Obion MBC will celebrate their 100 year anniversary on November 24

Pastor Jones Ross and the members of New Obion M B Church invite all to come and worship with us on November 24, 2013 at 3 p.m. as we celebrate our church's 100th year anniversary.

Pastor Anthony Johnson, along with the Mt. Sinai Church family will be our guest church.

Everyone is welcome.

Thomas Elliott



Thomas R. "Tommy" Elliott, 81, of Fancy Farm, Ky., died Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013, at 10:10 p.m. at the Baptist Health Paducah.

He was a member of the St. Jerome Catholic Church, a Member of the Knights of Columbus #1418 where he was a 4th degree knight, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a U.S. Navy Veteran of the Korean War; and retired from General Tire after 33 years of service.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Juanita Davis Elliott; 3 sons, Andy (Helen) Elliott, Will (Debbie) Elliott and Michael J. (Gayla) Elliott, all of Fancy Farm; two daughters, Susie (Jr.) Toon of Fancy Farm and Rachael Elliott Smith of Melber, Ky.; three brothers, Leon Elliott of Paris, Texas and Frances Eugene Elliott and Robert G. Elliott, both of Mayfield, Ky.; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Herman Joe Elliott, William Elliott, Paul Elliott, and Jay Elliott. His parents were Herman & Edna Elliott.

Funeral Mass will be held Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 11a. m. at St. Jerome Catholic Church in Fancy Farm, Ky., with Fr. Darrell Venters officiating. Burial with Military Rites will follow in the St. Jerome Cemetery.

Friends may call after 5 p.m. Tuesday, at St. Jerome Catholic Church, where prayers will be said at 7 p.m.

The Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, Ky., is in charge of arrangements.

each team table. The team with the most donations will be awarded "The People's Choice" traveling trophy and \$100.00 prize money. Cost for admission will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for 12 and under. All proceeds will be divided between the Senior Center and the Falcon Academy! Please call Wendy Stairs, Director of the Senior Center, at 270-653-4314 to sign your team up before Friday December 6.

Hickman County Elementary Family Science Night

Hickman County Elementary will host a Family Science Night on November 19, at 5:30 in the elementary gymnasium. Jason Lindsey of Hooked On Science will be the featured guest. Many of you may have seen him on News Channel 6 performing entertaining and informative science experiments. Come and be a part of this fun learning opportunity as we engage our students in the many wonders of science!

SENIOR CHATTER By Wendy

I would like to extend an apology to everyone who showed up this past week to see Dr. Slatick. It seems there was a miscommunication before I started this position that I was unaware of. Therefore Dr. Statick did not show up. Again I am sorry and hopefully have this issue resolved and can schedule him again soon.

We have several important speakers coming this week. Jamie Smith will be here presenting information on Breast Cancer Awareness on Tuesday November 19 at 10:30am. Regina Elliott for Home Health will be here at that time also. Thursday November 21 will be our Potato Day Fundraiser. I moved it up one week because of the holidays! Please don't forget to place your order. Friday November 22 at 10 a.m. we will be having AARP Drivers Safety Course. This course will save you money on your vehicle insurance so please come and attend.

IMPORTANT INFO:

Starting Monday November 25, 2013 our lunches will now be served at 11 a.m. instead of 11:30 a.m. We feel this serves our community needs better.

Menu as follows:

Wednesday, Nov. 20

Turkey roast, cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, green beans, pumpkin custard, cranberry sauce and skim milk.

Thursday, Nov. 21

Beef stew, confetti slaw, bran muffin, strawberry dessert and skim milk.

Friday Nov. 22

BBQ sandwich, black bean & corn relish, chocolate pudding, oranges and skim milk.

Monday Nov. 25

Herb baked chicken, oven browned potatoes/carrots, peas, roll, pumpkin mousse and skim milk.

Tuesday Nov. 26

Chicken & Dumplings, mashed potatoes, spinach, bran muffin, baked apples and skim milk.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church news

by Wanda Powell

On November 17, Bro. Randy McClure preached from 2 Timothy 1-7, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love and of a sound mind. Our hearts were touched by the inspirational sermon.

Ruthie Ferguson and her family sang the song "Thank You Lord for Your Blessing on Me. It really touched our hearts.

On November 23, we will

be having Thanksgiving supper at 5 p.m. at the church. Everyone is invited to come.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church will have a gospel meeting November 24 - 26. The Sunday night meeting will be at 6 p.m. On Monday and Tuesday, the meeting will be at 7 p.m. Brother Kenneth Yarbrough will be preaching at the gospel meeting. Everyone is cordially invited to come.

May God bless everyone.



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Hickman Co. Jam Session will be November 16

The Hickman County Arts Council monthly Jam Session will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 7 p.m. in the basement of the First United Methodist Church in Clinton. Anyone in this area who plays an acoustic instrument, sings, writes music, or just enjoys listening to live music is invited to attend.

H.C. Elementary School Christmas Play will be December 13

Reindeer with superhero powers?? That's right! Come and watch as the students in K-3 at Hickman County Elementary perform their musical play The Incredible Reindeer. You will be amazed by Laser Squint, Might Moose, Robo Guy, and Hyper Speed. They are truly INCREDIBLE!!! Hope to see you there on Friday, Dec. 13 at 1:30. In case of snow, play will be performed the next week.

Second Baptist News

By Teresa Walton Pearson

Our thoughts and prayers are with church members David and Michelle Romero, who lost their home on Saturday morning. We are thankful that no one was harmed, most personal belongings can be replaced eventually, but the Romero's could not be.

John Hill gave the Sunday School devotion from 2 Timothy 4:17-18, he talked about Paul and also read Ephesians 3: 7-8 from the back of our church bulletin.

Janice Glasco sang "When Mercy Walked In" and Hunter Cox and Jordan Mathis sang "Come to the Well." The Holy Spirit was moving in Second before the preacher got up. Bro. Dustin's sermon was taken from 1 Chronicles 29: 10-16 "David's Thanksgiving and Prayer".

One member rededicated her life to God and we had alter prayer for the Romero's and for the Christmas Shoe Boxes we were about to send out.

Sunday night Brandon Hannon signed to "I Know You". Bro Dustin's sermon was from Acts 17: 10-30 The Unknown God.

The playground equipment is in and it is a huge

blessing.

Happy Birthday this week to: Jennifer Farmer, Jordan Mathis, and Calvin Voyles.

Pray for Wayne & Glanda Tankersley, Fred & Phylliss Cox, Bernice & Joann Malone, Ronald Stairs, Bob LeClere, Brook Smith, Charlie Eason, Bro. Kenny Yarbrough, Dorothy Hoskins, Thomas Dublin, Tom Baker, Phyllis Cox, Billy Lamb, Bill Wade, Neil Henley, Clyde Johnson, Buddy Rielly, Teen Garrison, Cynthia Walton, David and Irene Sartin, Kathy Shadwick, Martha Grubbs, Faye Crews, Austin Upshaw, Helen Holmes, Josh Harpole, Josephine Shadwick, Mildred Morrison, Eloise Harrison, Paul & Jackie Ballard, Mike & Sherry Jones, Edna Roper, Wilma King, Rachel Davis and the Bratton family. Second Baptist will be having Thanksgiving Dinner at the church on Sunday Nov. 24 at 5:00 pm. Everyone is invited and welcomed.

Visitors are always welcome at Second Baptist Church. Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday night worship service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday night 7 p.m. Pastor Bro. Dustin Cunningham.

Pennies for Patients

by Tonya Brockwell

Wow, fantastic, awesome!!! This is how I feel about our students at Hickman County Elementary School. We recently had a penny collection for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society called "Pennies for Patients." Our school goal was \$450.00. Our elementary school raised \$851.97. Our students were shown a video of patients with Leukemia and how the money collected would assist with research. Students brought in bags of pennies they had been saving and donated them to this

organization. I'm so proud of the kindness and empathy that our students displayed for these other children. Integrity is a characteristic we are encouraging all of our students to achieve. This is just one way to see that our students are demonstrating integrity and compassion for others.

Mr. Boaz's 5th grade homeroom was the winning class that collected \$105.79. Ms. Burgess's 1st grade was second with \$102.00. Each class will be receive a pizza party.

Oakwood UMC to host Thanksgiving meal on November 23

What are you most thankful for? This is the time of year when we focus on blessings. At Oakwood we feel one of our blessings is people who make up our community. Oakwood Church is inviting everyone to come and celebrate community with us. This would be a time to catch up with friends and neighbors and to make new friends; a time to appreciate the many blessings that we have.

Oakwood is hosting a meal on Saturday evening,

November 23, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at Oakwood Church. The church is furnishing the meat, drinks, plates, etc. Those attending are asked to bring a dish if possible. This is a casual come as you are event.

After the meal we will enjoy fellowship while listening to music from Green Valley Church. They have an awesome choral group who are excited about singing for us.

Please come and join us on Saturday evening November 23.



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Every Monday:

- AA meets at 8 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Clinton.
- **First Monday:**
- Masonic Lodge 131 F&AM meets the first Monday night of the month at 7:30 p.m.
- **Second Monday:**
- Library Board meets the second Monday at the library at 4.
- **The Hickman Co. Arts Council** meets at 4 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month at the Young Center. The public is invited to attend. www.hickmancoarts.com.
- **Every Wednesday:**
- 7 a.m.- Community Prayer Service at First United Methodist Church.
- **Every Wednesday and Saturday:**
- **The Hickman Co. Museum** is open every Wednesday from 1 - 4 p.m..
- **Hickman Co. Memorial Library** Open Tuesday through Friday from 2-5 p.m. and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- **Hickman Co. Board of Education** normally meets the third Thursday of every month
- **Clinton City Council** meets first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Clinton City Hall and **Columbus City Council** meets at 6 p.m., the first Monday of the month at Columbus City Hall.
- **Church** on Hwy. 1529 East.
- **The Mission House** is open Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and first Saturday of the month.
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ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR AREA VETERANS

Veterans and their families will be provided counseling and assistance in filing claims for state and federal benefits. This is a free service provided by the state of Kentucky. For more information please contact Ron McClure, Regional Field Representative, Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) at (270) 247-2455 ext. 73905, or email ronald.mcclure@ky.gov.

Schedule for week of November 25 - 29, 2013

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By virtue of a Final Judgment and Order of Sale entered August 19, 2013, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in Clinton, Hickman County, Kentucky, to the highest bidder at public auction on the 21st day of November, 2013, at the hour of 2:00 O'clock p.m., the following described property:

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IN OUR SCHOOLS



Students and parents packed the high school gym to capacity on Tuesday night for Test Score Analysis Night.

Test Scores From Pg. 1

and Jan Johnson of the Hickman County Board of Education spoke to students and parents about Kentucky's new educational accountability program, Unbridled Learning, and Kentucky's Core Academic Standards.

A PDF entitled "A Parent's Guide to Testing in Kentucky" is available at <http://education.ky.gov/comm/ul/documents/parents%20guide%20testing%20082812.pdf>. The resource contains descriptions of tests that students are required to take, as well as test tips and other useful information. The publication also contains the following tips for student success in school:

- Let your child know you think education is important.
- Make sure your child gets a good night's rest and eats a good breakfast.

- Set a daily study time.
 - Discuss homework with your child. Stress responsibility for doing the work and check to see that assignments are completed.
 - Keep track of your child's progress throughout the year. Praise success. Talk with your child's teacher about any areas of concern.
 - Encourage your child to ask questions at home or in class.
 - Read to your child.
 - Encourage your child to read and write independently.
 - Look for ways to make learning part of everyday activities.
- Parents are also encouraged to subscribe to the Kentucky Department of Education's bi-weekly e-newsletter by going to <http://cms.education.ky.gov/formserv/?id=parentinfo>.



Jan Johnson of the Hickman County Board of Education speaks to students and parents about Kentucky's new assessment and accountability system, Unbridled Learning.

Photos by Jennifer Nuckolls



RED AND WHITE

The Hickman County Falcons hosted themselves Friday night at the annual Red and White game. Hundreds of fans came out to show their support as the gym was nearly packed to capacity when the teams tipped off. Above: Nate Newton makes a drive to the basket against his white-clad counterparts. At right: Across the court, Dylan Jewell brings the ball around the right side and prepares to make a move to score. At left: Makayla Waggoner utilizes a pick set by her teammate to take the ball into scoring position. See more photos on 8.



Things to consider when choosing a college

When choosing a college, students often look for the best academic institutions. While it's hard to argue with that approach, high school students

facing the decision of where to spend the next four years of their lives should know that the right university is not necessarily the one with the best academic reputation.

A host of factors come into play when finding the right match between student and university. Academics should always carry the most weight, but students should consider a host of other factors before ultimately deciding where to continue their academic careers.

COST

In a perfect world students would not have to worry about financing their college educations. But that's not a world in which today's students live, so the cost of a college education is something nearly every college-bound student

must consider before making his or her decision. According to the College Board, the average overall cost to attend in-state public college for the 2012-13 academic year for students who did not receive financial aid was \$22,261, a nearly 4 percent increase from the previous school year. That sticker price includes the cost of living in a dorm, food, books, and the additional expenses college students typically have. And the College Board notes that, despite the cost increase, financial aid budgets stayed the same as the year before, meaning even those students who received financial aid paid more money.

While cost should not dictate where high school students ultimately go to college, students should know that eventually student loans will have to be repaid with interest, so those who do not want to bury themselves in student loan debt after graduation would be wise to choose a university that's more affordable or one that's offering a more attractive scholarship and grant package. Unlike student loans, scholarships and grants do not have to be repaid.

DISTANCE FROM HOME

While many high school students may think a school far away from their folks is ideal, the reality of being far away from home is a struggle for many college students who attend college outside of their home states. Homesickness is a very real thing for college students who are away from home and on their own for the first time.

In addition to homesickness, college-bound students should consider the cost of travel before enrolling in a college or university that's far from home. Mom and Dad might not be able to afford to fly their college students home several times per year for the holidays and other breaks in the school year, and the burden of financing that travel can fall on students. If you are not planning to work during the school year, then financing trips home may prove very difficult.

ENVIRONMENT

Both the academic and social environments at a college or university merit consideration when students are deciding where to continue their educations. Some students thrive in a competitive academic environment, while others tend to fare better in a more casual setting. Students should assess which environment is best for them and choose a university that best suits them as a student.

A college or university's social environment is another factor for students to consider. Larger schools tend to rely heavily on Greek life, while smaller schools may be more intimate and less exclusive. Students who hope to join a sorority or fraternity might benefit from a school with a thriving Greek life, while those who want a more intimate social environment might prefer a smaller school where all of the students seem to know one another.



SHOWING OFF THAT FBLA AND FCB PRIDE

Banking and Future Business Leaders of America, the two just seem to go together. Pictured above with their new club T-shirts are members of the Hickman Co. FBLA and their advisor Jeanna

Kimbell along with FCB employees Scott Smith, Allie Thomas, Greg Gunter, Deena Pittman and Cheryl Hartsell.

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RED & WHITE GAME

The Hickman County High School Falcons and Lady Falcons faced off against themselves in front of hundreds of fans Friday night. The evening's festivities included an introduction to

junior high and high school basketball teams, performances by the high school and junior high cheerleaders and Pepettes, shooting contests and the intersquad scrimmages.

The regular season opens up for both teams on December 2 at CCA. The teams' home openers will be on December 6 against St. Mary at 5 p.m. Complete Falcon and Lady

Falcon schedules, wallet-sized, are available at the county clerk's office and at local banks. MSU Racer and UK Wildcat schedules are also included.



REBOUND - Three Falcon hoopsters battle for the ball after it comes off the rim during Friday night's friendly matchup.



REBOUND - Lady Falcon Avery Jewell reaches up for rebound against other Lady Falcons in Friday night's Red and White Game. During the game, players on the Falcon and Lady Falcon basketball teams split into an intersquad scrimmage that hundreds of fans poured in to see.



JUMPER - Zeke Prince goes up for a jump shot during the scrimmage.



PEPETTES - The Hickman County High School gym floor was covered with cheerleaders and Pepettes before the Red and White game Friday night to help get fans a reason (or several reasons) to smile.



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